

**MINUTES OF
THE SPECIAL CONFERENCECALL MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY
December 1, 2004**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Martin Reiss, D.O.; Vice-President Stanley Grossman; Stanley Brysacz, Jr., D.O.; Murray Cohen, D.O.; David Steinway, D.O.; F. P. Wedel, D.O.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Grossman was disconnected from the call after the Executive Session.

STAFF / OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine LeTarte, Executive Director
Barbara Meyers, Deputy Director
Blair Driggs, Assistant Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Dr. Martin Reiss, called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Executive Director took the roll. All Board Members were present on the call, establishing quorum for the meeting. The Executive Director noted that due to the recent resignation of one Board member, there were only six members of the Board at this time. The staff listed above were also present at the office.

3. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ON CASE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1855 (C through F) AND §41-1064(C).

A. Steven J. Locnikar, D.O. Case No. 3455 License No. 2669

Dr. Locnikar was present at the office, as was his attorney, Mr. Tom Connelly. The Executive Director reviewed the investigative information obtained to date on this case. Dr. Locnikar responded to the Board's questions and clarified some of the information presented. Dr. Steinway moved that the Board summary suspend Dr. Locnikar's license; Mr. Grossman seconded. The Board discussed the reasons for the summary suspension.

Dr. Brysacz moved that the Board go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Dr. Wedel seconded. The motion passed, 6-0, and the Board went into Executive Session at 6: 45p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. At that time, Mr. Grossman disconnected from the call. Dr. Reiss, Board President, noted for the record that the Board still had a quorum to act.

Dr. Steinway asked to withdraw his previous motion. Because Mr. Grossman was no longer in attendance to agree, Dr. Reiss called the question. A vote was taken and the motion to summarily

suspend failed, 0-5.

Dr. Steinway moved that Dr. Locnikar complete an evaluation at Hazelden Springbrook to assess whether he needed treatment for substance abuse. Dr. Locnikar is to admit himself to the evaluation program within 48 hours of being released from the doctor he is now seeing for other health concerns, and to remain in the program until discharged. Dr. Brysacz seconded.

Dr. Locnikar agreed that he would not practice or see patients until the Board has reviewed the evaluation report, including any recommendations for treatment, from Hazelden Springbrook.

A roll call vote was taken: Dr. Steinway; yes; Dr. Brysacz, yes; Dr. Cohen, yes; Dr. Wedel, yes; Dr. Reiss, yes. The motion passed, 5-0.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present to call.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Steinway moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Wedel seconded. Dr. Reiss called the question; the motion passed 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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